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News Items from the School of Education of the University of Chicago

HOME ECONOMICS COURSES DURING THE SUMMER QUARTER

The field of home economics for women is fast expanding, whether they be teachers in colleges or public schools, supervisors, social workers, or institutional directors. It is to meet their various needs as far as possible that this summer's courses are planned.

Home economics education.—In the several lines leading to the Master's degree, much work is to be given this summer. The sequence in home economics education includes courses in methods of teaching home economics, in advanced subject-matter, and in education. It is expected that the monograph, "Home Economics in American Schools," will be used as a basis for one of the courses. Dean Gray will take up the problems of the home economics supervisor in his work on supervision. Most of these courses are also open to advanced undergraduates.

Food and nutrition.—A second line of graduate and undergraduate work obtainable this summer is that in food and nutrition, comprising courses in food chemistry, nutrition, dietaries, food preparation, and experimental cooking. Of the two courses in experimental cooking, the more advanced will include lectures on what has already been accomplished and laboratory work on special individual problems. The course in elementary food preparation will be taught by Miss Louise Lacey of the Simmons College faculty. The food chemistry and nutrition courses are planned as usual to give an understanding of the scope of this important field and especially a basis for scientific work in dietaries. The course of readings in nutrition will include a study of some of the recent literature on the subject. Some of the researches along these lines now in progress by the advanced students are metabolism experiments with the new Benedict portable respiration apparatus, work on child diets, and changes in fat during cooking.

Child health.—An important new feature this summer is the Child Health School on the University campus, designed to give

training in nutrition work with children. Miss Roberts, recently returned to the University after having completed a nutrition survey for the Children's Bureau, will be director of the school, with Dr. Mendenhall of the Children's Bureau and Dr. Hoffmann of Rush Medical School as medical advisers. A course deserving special mention is the nutrition and dietaries course planned for teachers, social workers, or students interested in the problems of nutrition, especially of children. There are thus three courses in dietaries, all having connection with the Child Health School. It is the hope of the department that this work will result in a real contribution to public health. Dr. Mendenhall will also give two courses in child care. The department is fortunate in having secured this child specialist for the first term this summer.

Practice house.—Practice housework is another new feature, designed to prepare the student to be a more effective teacher of home management. Courses will also be given in the theoretical side of household organization and in the mechanical care of the house.

Institution economics.—The courses in institution economics deal with the special problems of large quantity cooking, organization of the school lunchroom and other public and private institutions; the selection, installation, and operation of equipment; problems of administration; and the study of food commodities as a basis for intelligent buying. They furnish preparation for teaching institution work in colleges or universities, for supervisors of high-school lunchrooms, for business directors of college dormitories, and for administrators in welfare work and in the commercial world.

Household art.—The courses in household art have also been extended. They include the usual courses in elementary and advanced garment construction, costume design (two sections each term), and millinery. In house planning and decoration, both elementary and advanced courses are offered. The great interest recently aroused in textile standardization, manifested by the committee in the American Home Economics Association and by legislation pending before Congress, is met not only by the elementary textile course but also by an advanced course given by Mrs. Mary G. Supple, instructor in chemistry at Lewis Institute, formerly a member of the staff of the textile laboratory at Sears, Roebuck and Company.